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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Ann Union
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Serial No.: 09/747,029

Filed: December 21, 2000

For: PEPTIDE DESIGNED FOR DIAGNOSIS
AND TREATMENT OF RHEUMATOID
ARTHRITIS

Confirmation No: 3297

Group Art Unit: 1644

Examiner: DIBRINO, M.

Atty. Dkt. No.: 11362.0031.NPUS00
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 25, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated March 25, 2003 for which the one-month date for response is April 25, 2003. This Office Action included a "NOTICE TO COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS FOR PATENT APPLICATIONS CONTAINING NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCE AND/OR AMINO ACID DISCLOSURES."

It is believed that no fee is due; however, should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Deposit Account No. 01-2508/**11362.0031.NPUS00**.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please make the following amendments to the Specification:

I. Please amend the paragraph bridging pages 14 and 15 to read as follows:

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/ “a) Type I peptides: Cys – six residues – Cys (SEQ ID NO: 23):

8 AA – Cysteine – 2 AA – Citrulline – 3 AA – Cysteine – 2 AA (SEQ ID NO: 1) or

5 AA – Cysteine – 2 AA – Citrulline – 3 AA – Cysteine – 2 AA (SEQ ID NO: 2) or

4 AA – Cysteine – 2 AA – Citrulline – 3 AA – Cysteine – 2 AA (SEQ ID NO: 3).”

II. Please amend the paragraph at page 17, lines 12-16 to read as follows:

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2 “b) Type II peptides: Cys – four residues – Cys peptides (SEQ ID NO: 24):

8 AA – Cysteine – 2 AA – Citrulline – 1 AA – Cysteine – 4 AA (SEQ ID NO: 4) or

6 AA – Cysteine – 2 AA – Citrulline – 1 AA – Cysteine – 4 AA (SEQ ID NO: 5) or

4 AA – Cysteine – 2 AA – Citrulline – 1 AA – Cysteine – 4 AA (SEQ ID NO: 6).

III. Please delete the current Sequence Listing and replace it with the substitute Sequence

Listing enclosed herewith.